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Subject VB/I-70 Updated Factsheet and Resident Letter

Hi Victor,

I'm attaching a copy for your records of the updated site factsheet we created for canvassing as well as the letter we are sending to site residents informing them that we will be in the neighborhood this summer. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Also, do you know when we might expect the final version of the canvassing list?

Thanks, and have a great day!

Elizabeth

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Vasquez Boulevard & Interstate 70 Superfund Site (VB/I-70)

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Residential Soils Project Completion

Project Update:

The EPA investigation and cleanup of lead and arsenic in residential soils in the Vasquez Boulevard & Interstate 70 Superfund site (VB/I-70) was completed in August 2006. EPA was able to sample the yards of 97%, or 4,315 residences, of the 4,470 residences within the VB/I-70 boundaries. EPA then removed and replaced the soil at 761 of those yards because lead and/or arsenic levels in those yards were above cleanup levels.

The Community Health Program (CHP) and the Denver Department of Environmental Health are making a final attempt to contact those property owners and residents whose soil was sampled, found to be elevated, and never removed, as well as those whose properties were never sampled. For owners whose properties were never sampled, the CHP is offering a FREE soil screening (call *before* September 15, 2008 to schedule). Talk with your community health worker or call the CHP to schedule an appointment (see contact info at right).

In addition to offering screening opportunities, the CHP will provide you with basic health information on lead and arsenic, as well as how to minimize exposure to lead or arsenic from your yard soil. For further information, you can also contact the Community Health Program or the EPA representatives listed in the contact box at right.

Next Steps:

- If your house was built before 1978, it may have exterior lead-based paint. Even if EPA sampled and replaced your soil, it could still

become contaminated or re-contaminated by peeling exterior lead-based paint. For this reason, EPA suggests that you minimize your exposure to soil in areas near your house, particularly near areas where paint appears to be chipping or peeling.

- If the EPA did not sample your soils, set up an appointment to have the CHP screen your soil. Although removal is no longer being offered by EPA or the CHP, you will be better able to take the necessary precautions to prevent exposure, especially in areas near the house, in bare-dirt play areas, or where lawn care products have been applied repeatedly over time.

Contacts

To speak with someone from the Community Health Program or to schedule a soil screening appointment:

- Call 3-1-1 and ask for the VB/I-70 Community Health Program.

EPA Contacts:

- **Jennifer Chergo**, EPA Community Involvement Coordinator, at (303) 312-6601, chergo.jennifer@epa.gov
- **Patricia Courtney**, EPA Community Involvement Coordinator, at (303) 312-6631, courtney.patricia@epa.gov
- <http://www.epa.gov/region08/superfund/co/vbi70>
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Background:

In 1998, EPA began an investigation of potential metals contamination in an area that eventually included the Cole, Clayton, Swansea, Elyria, and parts of Globeville and Curtis Park neighborhoods. This became the VB/I-70 Superfund Site.

Lead and arsenic were the two metals identified to be of potential concern in some yards. Based on the investigation, EPA issued its final cleanup decision in 2003. EPA then began removing and replacing soil in yards where sampling results showed more than 400 parts per million (ppm) for lead and/or 70 ppm for arsenic.

The VB/I-70 Superfund Site cleanup for residential soils has been a collaborative effort since its beginning. The work was a partnership among EPA, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, the Denver Department of Environmental Health, the community group CEASE, Inc., and many other federal, state, and local agencies, associations and individuals.

The VB/I-70 Superfund Site cleanup was completed ahead of schedule and under budget. In addition, the project included unique features, tailored to the local community. These included an external lead-based paint assessment and abatement program and the Community Health Program.

In the Community Health Program, residents of the affected neighborhoods were trained as community health workers and talk with their neighbors about environmental health issues, focusing on lead paint.

Information Box for Homeowners

The property at _____

Falls into the following category:

Sampled and cleaned up _____

Sampled and no cleanup necessary _____

Other _____

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Your sampling results:

The value for lead: _____ ppm

The value for arsenic: _____ ppm





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June 2008

Dear Resident,

The Vasquez Boulevard and Interstate 70 (VB/I-70) Superfund Site Community Health Program is providing information on lead and arsenic to residents of site communities. One goal of the VB/I-70 Community Health Program is to inform residents and those in the area about the dangers of lead and arsenic. As a part of this program, we are conducting outreach via home visits on ways to prevent exposure to these metals.

The VB/I-70 Superfund Site is located in northeast Denver, and includes all or portions of the Elyria, Swansea, Cole, Clayton and southwest Globeville neighborhoods, as well as a small portion of the Curtis Park neighborhood. Some residential properties in the site have been found to have elevated levels of lead and arsenic in the soil. The project is now approaching completion, and program staff will be in your neighborhood this summer offering a final home visit, which will include information on the health effects of lead and arsenic and ways to prevent exposure. Your property appears on a list of properties whose soils were sampled and found to be elevated, but never cleaned up.

If you would prefer **not** to have a home visit from a community health worker, or have any other questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call 3-1-1 (720-913-1311) and ask for the VB/I-70 Community Health Program.

Sincerely,

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Our records indicate that your property was never sampled during earlier phases of the project. This summer, Denver Environmental Health is offering limited soil screening for properties like yours. For more information about this opportunity, other questions about the program, or if you would prefer **not** to have a home visit from a community health worker, please call 3-1-1 (720-913-1311) and ask for the VB/I-70 Community Health Program.

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